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THE COVER FLOWER

The cover flower is a beautiful new *reticulata* — *granthamiana* hybrid named 'SHANGHAI LADY.' The seed pod came from 'China Lady' which had been back crossed by 'Buddha' pollen by Nuccio's Nurseries and the seedling was given the number NX 072-4. The cultivar bloomed for the first time in 1974. The plant has one-fourth *granthamiana* and three-fourths 'Buddha' and it blooms very early as a result of the "granny" blood. The bloom is a very large semi-double, light orchid pink with irregular petals. The camellia was introduced in the Fall of 1981. Photo, courtesy of Nuccio's Nurseries.

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